

Dispositive Motions

Before a dispositive motion is filed, the parties will exchange demand and offer letters in an effort to reach resolution of the case. A status hearing will be set on a date determined by the court, approximately two weeks before the close of discovery. At this time, the parties will report on any outstanding discovery issues, as well on the possibility of settlement and whether a settlement conference with a judge may be helpful. The parties should expect to be referred to a magistrate judge for settlement discussions before filing a motion for summary judgment.

Also at this status hearing, the court will set a schedule for disposition of the case, including trial dates.

Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge

The parties consent do not consent to have their case proceed before a magistrate judge. [Note: Forms for Transferring a Case to a Magistrate Judge can be found on the court's website.]

ENTER:

Date: _____

JOAN HUMPHREY LEFKOW
U.S. District Judge